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LETTER DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our letter dated 3 September 1992 (S/24515), I have the honour to communicate to you hereunder additional details of the outrage mentioned in paragraph 6 of the aforesaid letter.

A series of outrages has recently taken place against Iraqi farms situated south of the Safwan line, and they have focused in particular on the farm of the Iraqi national Jaber Farhan Khafian. We informed you of these outrages in our letters of 5 July, 23 July and 5 August 1992. On reviewing the whole series, we note that there has been a deliberate escalation in the outrages committed. The most recent is the incident in question which, further to the information we provided in paragraph 6 of our letter of 2 September 1992, led to the injury of a UNIKOM observer who was present and sustained a bullet wound in the leg while watching the incident unfold.

UNIKOM carried out an investigation of the incident on 1 September 1992, forming for that purpose two teams. In the course of the inquiry, the observers questioned the farmers Jaber Khafian, Jasim Bajay Khashshan and Alwan Udhayr Kannin, who described how members of the Kuwait police had approached the farm of the citizen Jaber Khafian, struck his son and tried to tow away his private vehicle and confiscate it. The farmers also described to the UNIKOM investigation team the series of outrages against their farms.

It should also be mentioned that, at 1510 hours, less than half an hour after the incident referred to, fighter aircraft violated Iraq's airspace and flew over the place at which the incident had taken place.

My Government, in calling your attention to the deliberate escalation in the outrages to which I have referred, protests in the strongest terms against these open assaults on Iraq's sovereignty and security and the safety of its citizens and holds the assailants fully responsible for the consequences of such assaults.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir K. K. AL-NIMA
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